



THE FLORIDA SENATE
SENATOR BILL GALVANO
President

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators
FROM: Bill Galvano
SUBJECT: Federal Court Ruling Regarding the Executive Suspension of Dr. Brenda Snipes
DATE: January 9, 2019

Today, Judge Walker issued a ruling regarding the litigation Dr. Brenda Snipes filed in December challenging her suspension by Governor Scott. The Senate was named as a co-defendant in this litigation. The ruling by Judge Walker affirms the Senate's position that the unconditional resignation of Dr. Snipes was valid and cannot be rescinded; therefore, the Senate could not have a timely hearing. The court found there was no substantial likelihood of success regarding any claims made against the Senate.

I would like to thank our General Counsel Jeremiah Hawkes and Deputy General Counsel Ashley Istler for their sound legal judgment and effective representation of the Senate in this proceeding, which is noted by Judge Walker in his order.

Judge Walker's order is attached for your review and reference.